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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA PROPOSES AGENDA ITEM ON HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. COSTA RICA JULY 19 CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MISSIONS A "REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION," NAMING THE ITEM "CREATION OF THE POST OF UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS" (A/33/142). COSTA RICAN MISOFF (DEBARISH) INFORMED US JULY 21 THAT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HER NEW AMBASSADOR (PIZA-ESCALANTE) SHE HAD POLLED ALL THE CO-SPONSORS OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME IN NEW YORK TO SEE WHETHER THEY FAVORED SUCH AN AGENDA ITEM THIS FALL. SHE SAID THAT THE U.S. (REFTEL, PARA 6), ITALY, SPAIN, HONDURAS, COLOMBIA, AND SENEGAL HAD URGED CAUTION ON BRINGING UP THE ISSUE IN THIS WAY THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION
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OF THIS ITEM IN THE "OVERALL ANALYSIS," CALLED FOR BY 32/130 WHILE LESOTHO, SURINAM AND VENEZUELA SUPPORTED THE INCLUSION OF THE ITEM AT THIS TIME.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION JULY 20 UNDER SECRETARY BUFFUM COMMENTED TO POLMIN AND MISOFF THAT THOUGH THE INCLUSION OF THE ITEM FOR THIS GA WAS UNFORTUNATE

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BECAUSE IT WAS DESTINED TO CERTAIN DEFEAT, "PERHAPS IT COULD BE USED AS A BARGAINING CHIP TO GET SOMETHING ELSE." COMMENT: IF THE COSTA RICANS WOULD BE WILLLING TO SET UP A POSSIBLE BIG DEBATE BY RECRUITING SIGNIFICANT CO-SPONSORS FOR THIS FALL, THEN PERHAPS TO AVOID THAT DEBATE THE OPPONENTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE UP SOMETHING. END COMMENT.

3. COSTA RICAN MISOFF, WHO IS AN OLD THIRD COMMITTEE HAND, TOLD MISOFF SHE FRANKLY DISAGREES WITH HER AMBASSADOR ON THIS MATTER, AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE INSISTED, AGAINST THE WEIGHT OF OPINION SHE SOLICITED AT HIS INSTIGATION, ON INSCRIBING THE AGENDA ITEM. SHE BELIEVES IT WAS THE ABSENCE OF A BETTER IDEA, AND THE DESIRE TO KEEP COSTA RICA OUT FRONT AS A LEADER IN UN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, THAT PERSUADED HER AMBASSADOR TO GO AHEAD. MISOFF URGED DEBARISH ON JULY 21 TO SEEK CO-SPONSORS EARLY AND TO BEGIN LOBBYING, SINCE IT IS EVIDENT THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON THE STEAM HAS GONE OUT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND MOST OF THE DELEGATIONS WHICH SUPPORTED IT HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO MAKE THEIR BIG PUSH AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT YEAR. IF ACTIVE CO-SPONSORS ARE NOT FORTH-COMING, PERHAPS COSTA RICA WILL WITHDRAW THE ITEM; IF THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE FORTHCOMING, IT MIGHT BE WORTH MAKING AN EFFORT THIS YEAR. YOUNG

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